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# GEORGIA DOT SUSPENDS LANE CLOSURES IN NORTHWEST GEORGIA FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. – Here's some good news for travelers during the Thanksgiving holiday. The Georgia Department of Transportation will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstate highways and primary state roads in Northwest Georgia from 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 25 through 10 p.m. on Sunday, November 29, 2015.

"Northwest Georgians have been very patient with our construction work throughout the year," says DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. "We appreciate it very much and enjoy giving them these well-deserved breaks from lane closures. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving."

The Department reminds travelers to exercise caution nonetheless as heavy holiday traffic is expected throughout the state. In addition, crews may be working and equipment may be staged in proximity to roadways; and safety concerns may require some long-term lane closures remain in place. Also, incident management or emergency maintenance-related lane closures could become necessary on any route.

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